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Commander's call

The 12th Flying Training Wing will hold a commander's call Thursday at 7 a.m., 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the base theater, and Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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Movin' on up

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Wing training timeline

As of Wednesday Pilot Instructor Training

Squadron	Senior Class	Overall
99th FTS	0.0	2.0
558th FTS	-7.1	-2.1
559th FTS	0.0	2.6
560th FTS	1.0	-1.7

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Navigator, EWO training

562nd FTS		563rd FTS	
Air Force	193	Undergraduate	41
Navy	69	International	13
International	1	EWC Course	6
		Fundamentals	0

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.




Wing Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft Required Flown Annual

T-1A	1,286	1,221	4,200
T-6A	2,851	3,099	9,488
T-37B	2,775	2,852	8,641
T-38A	2,784	2,993	8,640
T-43A	376	408	1,158

Numbers reflect the required and flown missions as of Wednesday, and the required missions for fiscal 03

Weekend weather

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Today	 Snow flurries	35	41
Saturday	 Snow flurries	27	40
Sunday	 Sun	40	61



Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gary Pfingston (second from right) answers a question Jan. 30 in the Randolph Theater. Other Retired Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force who participated in the panel were (from left) James McCoy, Sam Parish and Eric Benken. (Photo by Ralph Monson)

Retired CMSAFs speak at panel

By Richard Zowie
Wingspread staff writer

Blending humor with insight, four retired chief master sergeants of the Air Force shared their experiences and knowledge with Randolph airmen at a Jan. 30 panel in the base theater.

James McCoy, Sam Parish, Gary Pfingston and Eric Benken participated in the two-hour question and answer session.

The CMSAF Panel was sponsored by the 12th Flying Training Wing in conjunction with ongoing efforts to increase the unit's focus on the key issues of readiness, stewardship and transformation.

"Many of the concerns today's airmen have, such as manpower and equipment shortages, have in some way already been addressed in years past," said Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Dickens, 12th FTW command chief master sergeant. "These individ-

uals have stood as representatives of the entire Air Force enlisted corps. There aren't very many opportunities for our people, especially our younger airman, to draw on a resource as impressive as the collective experiences of these four patriots."

Chief Master Sgt. Karl Meyers, Air Education and Training Command's command chief master sergeant, was part of the more than 400 Team Randolph airmen on hand for the CMSAF Panel.

After opening comments from each of the panel members, Chief Dickens opened the questions by asking the chief master sergeants of the Air Force to describe the most significant event in their respective tenures.

Chief McCoy, who served in his post from 1979-1981, recalled standing on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol building in 1981 during President Ronald Reagan's inauguration. As the chief watched the inauguration,

he listened to a transistor radio broadcast announcing the release of American hostages from Iran after 444 days in captivity.

"That's something that changed our country, in my opinion," he said. "It brought our country back into a sense of patriotism from the negative straits of the Vietnam era. From this event, we were able to see the beginning of the buildup in the '80s. The events in Desert Storm were successful because of the advancements we made in technology and in building up the military."

Chief Pfingston discussed Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm as the most significant event in his tenure as CMSAF from 1990-1994.

"We showed the world in the Gulf War that our airpower had the ability to do what was required," Chief Pfingston said.

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Officials unveil 2004 budget proposals

WASHINGTON — The president's fiscal 2004 budget proposal authorizes \$380 billion for the Department of Defense to win the global war on terrorism and continue the transformation of the military, senior defense officials announced Jan. 31.

The budget also addresses several quality-of-life initiatives, including a military pay raise ranging from 2 percent to 6.25 percent, targeted by rank and years of service. It continues the effort to eliminate out-of-pocket housing expenses by fiscal 2005, reducing overall cost from 7.5 percent to 3.5 percent this year.

The Air Force's portion of the budget, \$93.5 billion, continues the service's investment in its people and readiness while accelerating the service's transformation and integration efforts, according to a senior military budget official.

The budget is divided into four categories: people, readiness, infrastructure and modernization.

The largest portion of the Air Force budget, 34 percent, is focused on people and quality-of-life initiatives because it is a retention-based force.

"We recruit airmen but retain families," the senior military

budget official said.

The Air Force set aside \$29.4 billion for pay and compensation, almost \$1 billion for recruiting and retention initiatives and \$1.5 billion to replace 2,081 military family housing units, renovate another 1,524 units and fund seven new projects that will privatize and upgrade another 6,950 units.

"The Air Force goal is to eliminate inadequate housing units in (the continental United States) by 2007 and overseas by 2009," the official said.

The Air Force has dedicated 28 percent of its budget, \$25.8 billion, to readiness. This

includes \$14.1 billion for flying operations, \$1.8 billion for space operations and \$9.6 billion for mission-support functions.

The Air Force's aging infrastructure led the service to set aside \$4.6 billion of its fiscal 2004 budget to address this problem.

Nearly \$1.4 billion will go toward the sustainment, restoration and modernization of the Air Force's current facilities. Almost \$1 billion will fund military construction projects that address new mission requirements and force-structure changes.

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Readiness, Stewardship and Transformation

Global War on Terrorism

Dr. Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

For more than a year, the brave men and women of the U.S. military, together with their civilian counterparts in the Department of Defense, have been working to preserve peace and defend freedom against terrorist forces and those who would harbor and protect them around the world.

To each of you, and your families, we express our profound gratitude and appreciation for the risks you undertake and the sacrifices you make so that all Americans

can enjoy the blessings of freedom. This war, as the president has said, is not one of our making. It was thrust upon us. We act in self-defense — in deliberate response to acts of war directed against the American people, and to prevent future acts from claiming even more innocent life. We are engaged in a global war, and it is being waged on many fronts using all the instruments of national power.

In recent weeks and months, the president has called the world’s attention to Saddam Hussein’s regime in Iraq. He has rallied the United Nations to enforce its resolutions

calling for the regime’s disarmament. To assist this diplomatic offensive and to preserve future options, adjustments to current mobilization, deployment and rotation cycles may be necessary, adjustments that may mean longer tours of duty than you may have expected.

While the times, places and conditions of deployment cannot now be precisely known, we do recognize the uncertainty these circumstances may create for those in uniform, the civilians who work beside them, and the families and loved ones, without whose support their sacrifices

would not be possible. I know the secretaries and chiefs of the military services are communicating with you in greater detail about these matters, but I want you to know that understanding the impacts of these deployments is important to us.

Be assured that the president will not decide to commit forces unless conditions require it, and only as a last resort. Should action be necessary, you will have what you need to carry out the missions assigned.

Thank you for all you do for our nation and the world.



Commander’s Action Line

Call 652-5149 or e-mail randolph.actionline@randolph.af.mil

While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide sat-

isfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Mark Graper
12th Flying Training Wing commander

him/her as he/she approaches the gate, and issue a ticket.

Answer: Thank you for your participation in the Commander’s Action Line Program. The sign in the clinic parking lot is positioned to help alleviate traffic congestion during the rush hour.

Our gate guards are trained to be attentive to violations of the traffic code, but their primary duty has to be control of entry and exit to the base. In addition, the gate guards are currently tasked with conducting numer-

Agency contact numbers

Security Forces	652-5509	12th FTW IG	652-2727
Services	652-5971	Equal Opportunity	652-4376
Civil Engineers	652-2401	FW&A Hotline	652-3665
Transportation	652-4314	EEO Complaints	652-3749
Military Pay	652-1851	Randolph Clinic	652-2933
Civilian Pay	652-6480	Base Exchange	674-8917
Safety Office	652-2224	Commissary	652-5102
Housing	652-1856	Straight Talk	652-7469

Right turns only

Question: Between 4 and 5 p.m., only right turns are permitted while exiting the parking lot of the clinic. There are signs at each exit stating so. I believe there’s also one at the stop/yield sign between the clinic and the NCO club. Well, I think it’s safe to say that 99-percent of vehicles turn left. And to be so close to the gate, they really have guts (putting it lightly).

If two guards are on duty at that time, one of them needs to only look toward the clinic, spot the violator, stop

ous random anti-terrorism measures in addition to their normal duties, and these actions are essential to the safety of Team Randolph. It is the duty of every member of the Randolph community to obey the posted traffic restrictions regardless of the perceived inconvenience they may present.

The 12th SFS will direct more frequent patrolling in the area of the clinic parking lot during peak traffic periods in an effort to deter further violations.

Thank you for your concern.

Simple patriotic act reflects commitment to service

By Lt. Col. Edward Keegan
18th Communications Squadron commander

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan — Much is made in the press and popular culture about the generation that is currently coming of age to join the military — the generation that will replace us as the future of the Air Force.

The recurring theme is that they are not the service type, that their horizons are viewed through a lens of self-absorption, and that which is not immediately gratifying to them is not noticed or purposefully ignored.

Much is also made of the older generation. They are the venerable ones, those who served a higher cause, and made

America the embodiment of an ideal. That generation includes my father-in-law, who recently visited us here on Okinawa, his first return here since passing through in 1965 on his way back to the United States from Vietnam.

He has long since retired from the Air Force, grown his remaining hair a little longer, and taken on full-time duties as a grandpa. The salute he receives at the gate as a retired lieutenant colonel had become perfunctory, done so often for so long that he doesn’t even seem to notice any more that he returns the gate guard’s salute.

On a recent weekend, young met old at Kadena’s Gate Two. A young airman, pulling his latest security forces augmentation tour, stepped up to the car when my wife and her parents arrived at the gate.

“The recurring theme is that they are not the service type, that their horizons are viewed through a lens of self-absorption, and that which is not immediately gratifying to them is not noticed or purposefully ignored.”

Then something unexpected happened. Rather than performing the expected rote courtesies, the airman bent down, looked past my wife to her father, and said, “Thank you for serving, sir.”

In my entire career, I have never been so

proud of anyone. With that deceptively simple act, the young airman reminded a retired lieutenant colonel, and this active-duty lieutenant colonel, exactly what true service is about.

It is not about rank or position, and it is more than earning a paycheck. It is about a set of ideals that transcend time, that say we will do whatever is required to keep our country safe, just as those who came before us did.

That airman proved that the thread that binds the Air Force still exists across all the generations. He showed that our Air Force is, and will remain, in good hands, and America’s greatest generation is not in the past, but is still to come. On behalf of the entire Air Force, I want to say to that young airman, “Thank you for serving, sir.”

Congratulations Retirees

Today

Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Harris, Air Education and Training Command

Senior Master Sgt. Ralph Sutton, Air Education and Training Command

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AADD: Use a dose of maturity

By Capt. Bill Foster
319th Air Refueling Wing
Manpower Office

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. — Airmen Against Drunk Driving is a program that gives you choices to help prevent driving under-the-influence incidents. Even with valuable programs like AADD, the success of any anti-DUI campaign starts with people making mature decisions.

When I arrived here, we were rebounding from a horrible year in 2000 when the wing endured 19 drunk driving violations. We brought the number down to 13 in 2001 with an aggressive publicity campaign and simply by looking out for each other.

But last year started the negative downward spiral.

The base reached 13 DUIs by April and finished with an abysmal 26 DUIs. Twenty six! That is 26 lives and careers damaged by a lack of judgment.

To top it all off, we are starting 2003 off

with a bang — the wrong kind of bang. Less than two weeks into the new year, we already had two DUIs.

Everyone can make excuses for the rash of DUIs: stress, deployments, operations tempo, personnel tempo. While those are all “reasonable” excuses to let off a little steam in a local bar or party, they don’t excuse a DUI charge.

What it boils down to is maturity. Every DUI conviction comes down to one bad decision: the decision to get into a vehicle and try to drive while intoxicated.

People put themselves, their passengers and other drivers at risk of injury and death for their selfish, foolish decision.

Why selfish? They weren’t thinking of the impact of a DUI on everyone around them.

They weren’t thinking of the sober drivers they were putting at risk. They weren’t thinking of who would have to bail them out of jail.

They weren’t thinking of their co-workers who would have to work around their

schedules because they no longer had base driving privileges for the next year and no North Dakota privileges for 90 days (assuming first offense). They weren’t thinking about their commanders or first sergeants who now had to bring action against them and appear before the wing commander to discuss the situation.

There is a four-step process to put an end to all of this:

- If you drink, don’t drive! If you watch what you drink, then you won’t have a problem getting home.
- Designate a driver. This is the easiest system if you plan on drinking. Most folks go to the bars or parties in groups. Pick someone ahead of time, and make sure they don’t drink. They won’t do you much good if they don’t stay sober. Watch out for one another. Take someone home who shouldn’t be driving.
- If you fail steps one and two, call your first sergeant, supervisor, or commander. They would much rather come get you than have to take punitive action against you.

You can also call friends. They would also rather come get you then have to give you rides for a year. Remember, you lose your base driving privileges for a year.

- As a last resort, call AADD or a base organization that can help you. As an active member, I don’t mind making the runs to pick folks up.

Organizations like AADD are not a taxi service, so don’t use it like it is a taxi service. Those types of organizations are trying to reduce DUIs on bases, but they are not the first call you should make — see step 3.

Don’t go out for the night expecting to use organizations like AADD. That shows your lack of maturity and lack of respect for the time, sleep and gas money of our volunteers.

We respect your confidentiality, you must respect the volunteers.

The bottom line is to think before you drink, and never drink and drive. There are too many folks who are willing to help, and we should all be looking out for every team member. (AFPN)

2004 budget proposals unveiled by officials

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Also included in the infrastructure request is \$2.3 billion in funding for new base and community support projects such as construction of 12 dormitories, four fitness centers, one child development center and one family support center.

Modernization, at \$31.2 billion, is the second largest portion of the Air Force’s budget. It includes \$12.5 billion for research, development, testing and evaluation, and

\$2.2 billion for science and technology.

Also included is \$16.5 billion for the procurement of new aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles and space systems including:

22 F/A-22 Raptors; 11 C-17 Globemaster IIIs; Five C-130J Hercules; 52 T-6A Texan IIs; Four RQ-4A Global Hawks; 16 RQ-1 Predators; Two CV-22 Osprey; Four Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicles.

“We think this is a good budget that accelerates our

transformation and integration efforts to adapt to the changing world environment while still maintaining the gains in our readiness and people programs,” the senior military budget official said.

The Air Force was the premier air force in the world at the end of the first century of flight and this budget keeps the service on track to remain the world’s best air force throughout the second century of flight, the official said. (AFPN)

Team Randolph quarterly award winners



Officer Category
Capt. David Kretz
12th Flying Training Wing



Senior NCO Category
Senior Master Sgt. Joaquin Quitugua
19th Air Force



NCO Category
Tech. Sgt. Charles Mills
Air Force Personnel Center



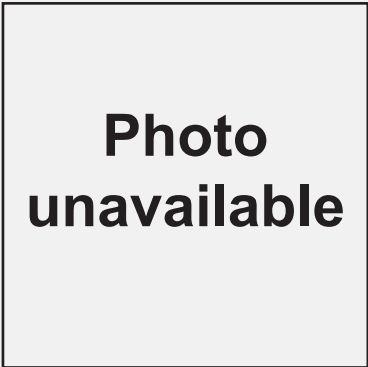
Airman Category
Airman 1st Class Arlene Rico
12th Flying Training Wing



Honor Guard NCO Category
Staff Sgt. Angela Harris
12th Flying Training Wing



Civilian - Senior Category
Mathew Kramm
12th Flying Training Wing



Civilian - Intermediate Category
Richard Osburn
Air Education and Training Command



Civilian - Junior Category
Mike Perez
12th Flying Training Wing



Honor Guard Airman Category
Airman 1st Class Evelyn Funchess
Air Force Personnel Center

Nine people were recognized as Team Randolph's best at the quarterly awards luncheon Tuesday in the enlisted club.

The quarterly awards luncheon recognizes the top performers among the host wing and all base tenant units.

The award recipients received various prizes from local community sponsors such as the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, Air Force Sergeants Association, Randolph Chiefs' Group, KB

Home, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, GEICO Insurance Company, the Military Service Organization, Eisenhower National Bank, Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union, Enlisted Wives' Club, Officers' Wives' Club, First Command Financial Planning, Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce, Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce, New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce, and E.G. & G. Management Services.

Navigator graduates receive special recognition



By Tech. Sgt. Angelique Battle
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Two Air Force officers received special recognition during the Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training graduation ceremony here Jan. 31.

Second Lt. Timothy Brawner received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Cup, presented to the top overall graduate. He

also earned the Ira J. Husik Award and the Academic Excellence Award. Lieutenant Brawner will be assigned to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Second Lt. John Sophie received the Jack Donovan Award and the Electronic Warfare Officer Academic Excellence Award.

Members of the graduating class received navigator, naval flight officer and electronic warfare officer training in the 562nd Flying Training Squadron and 563rd FTS.



Second Lt. Timothy Brawner
AETC Commander's Cup
Ira J. Husik Award
Academic Excellence Award



Second Lt. John Sophie
Jack Donovan Award
(EWO)
Academic Excellence Award

Forty-six majors selected for promotion

Officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here announced the results of several promotion boards.

The biomedical sciences corps board selected 14 lieutenant colonels for promotion to colonel; the line, judge advocate general, chaplain, biomedical sciences corps and nurse corps boards selected 1,708 majors for promotion to lieutenant colonel; and the judge advocate general selected 20 first lieutenants to captain.

The entire lists are posted on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. Boards convened here Nov. 12 and Dec. 3.

According to Staff Sgt. Joel Luera, 12th Mission Support Squadron officer promotions NCO in charge, there were no biomedical sciences corps colonel selectees or judges advocate general captain selectees on Randolph. (AFPN)

The following Team Randolph majors were selected for the rank of lieutenant colonel:

12th Civil Engineer Squadron
Kenneth Smith

12th Flying Training Wing
Stephen Kelly
William Nichols

12th Logistics Group
Elise Wheeler

12th Operations Group
Peter D'Amico

12th Operations Support Squadron
James Drake
James Garrett

12th Supply Squadron
Kurt Searfoss

19th Air Force
Shane Scoggins

99th Flying Training Squadron
Martin Nelson
Victor Rick

332nd Airlift Flight
John Burns

558th Flying Training Squadron
John McCauley

559th Flying Training Squadron
Michael Murphy
Todd White

563rd Flying Training Squadron
William Alexander
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James Dienst
Oreste Johnson
Rustam Karmali
Frederick Kmiecik
Michael Lewis
Michael O'Sullivan
Michael Peet

William Shedd
Wilson Sims Jr.
John Tomjack
Travis Willis Jr.

Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency
Cynthia Shewell

AFROTC, Southwest Region
David Preston

Air Force Recruiting Service
Timothy Torres

Air Force Personnel Center
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Kirk Davies
Barbara Eisenstein
Thomas Floring
Bryan Fujimoto
Douglas Hammen
Richard Nelson
Jeffrey Price
Bradley Reed
Jean Springer
Michael Symock

Changes made to virtual MPF Web site

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The virtual Record of Emergency Data went live on the virtual Military Personnel Flight Web site recently. The vRED is a new feature of the vMPF. In some cases it will replace the FormFlow version of the DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data.

“As changes occur to personal information, members will be required to complete a new vRED,” said Chief Master Sgt. Dale Kenney, Military Personnel Flight superintendent.

“The vRED will allow members to access their emergency data twenty-four hours, seven days a week, through the Air Force Personnel Center secure server and will provide real-time central data storage and retrieval,” said Chief Kenney.

The vRED will also allow base casualty assistance representatives, deployed Personnel Support for Contingency Operations teams and officials at the Air Force Casualty

Operations Center instant read-only access in the event of a casualty.

“This new procedure completely automates the collection of emergency data and centralizes all personal information on a secure server,” said Chief Kenney. The Air Force will use this new procedure to notify members’ next of kin.

“It is extremely important that this form be completed accurately and always kept current by the military member,” said the chief.

In order to complete and satisfy this new requirement, the military member is required to create a vMPF account, said the superintendent. This is accomplished by visiting the AFPC Web site, www.afpc.randolph.af.mil, and clicking on the vMPF link.

Follow the directions to create an AFPC secure account. Once this account is established, click on the vMPF button and follow the instructions.

“As with any change of this magnitude, it cannot be accomplished by everyone at the same

time,” said Chief Kenney. “The roll-out plan that was developed is very conservative and flexible.”

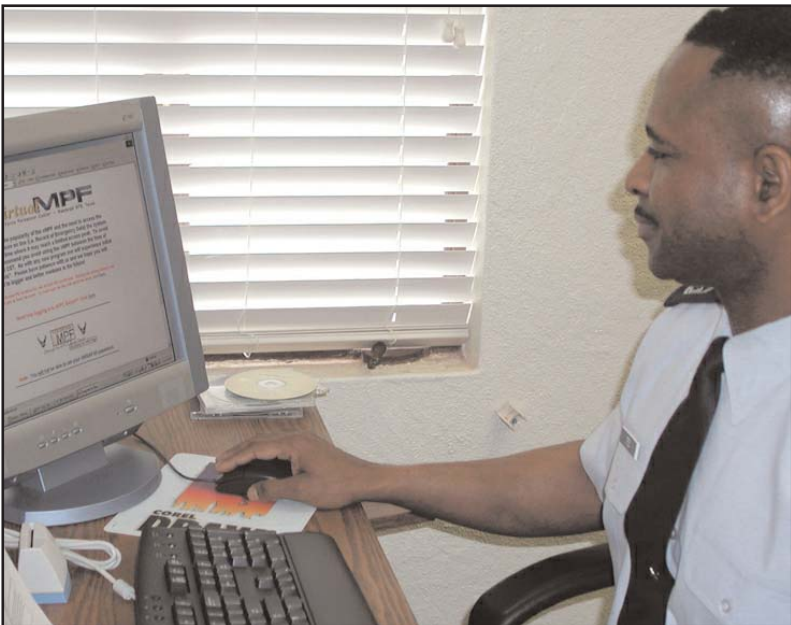
Randolph is scheduled to complete this process in a three-phased approach during the following timeframes:

- The 12th Flying Training Wing and associate units - Monday through Feb. 16
- Headquarters Air Education and Training Command and geographically separated units - Feb. 17-23
- AFPC - Feb. 24 through March 3

Units or members preparing to deploy in support of an Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation or any other contingency operation will be given top priority to complete this requirement before they deploy.

These individuals must access the vMPF Web site and complete the form as soon as possible.

“The highest usage time of the vMPF occurs between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the weekdays,”



Senior Master Sgt. Don Green, family support center superintendent, visits the virtual Military Personnel Flight Web site. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

said Chief Kenney. “Individuals should avoid this window when trying to access the Virtual MPF.”

Access to the AFPC secure server is not “dot mil” restricted. Individuals can accomplish the

vRED at home or on any other personal computer with Internet access.

For more information on this program call the MPF Customer Service Section at 652-1845, or visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

Retired Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force share views

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“The Air Force matured, grew up and showed its ability. As a result, you’re better as a force today than you were 12 years ago.”

The chiefs answered several questions on a range of topics including manpower, promotions, pay and retention.

Toward the end of the two-hour event, one airman asked the retired chiefs to list specific attributes needed to become a better airman or NCO.

“It’s very simple ... dress for success, be on time, be a team member, set high standards for yourself and maintain them,” said Chief Benken, who became the 12th CMSAF in 1996.

The chief concluded by noting that as members of the Air Force they have a special calling.

“The bottom line in the business world is profit,” he said. The bottom line in the Air Force is freedom. I’ll take freedom over profit any day.”

Chief McCoy encouraged NCOs to take care of their troops the way they’d want to have been treated as junior airmen.

“The airmen you lead are going to be the Air Force’s chief master sergeants of tomorrow,” he said.

In his closing thoughts, Chief Parish told the audience that every member of the Air Force has an important role to play.

“There’s no job in our Air Force that’s more important than another one,” said the chief, who served as CMSAF from 1983-1986. “No matter what you do in the Air Force, take pride in your work. A pilot can be sitting on the end of

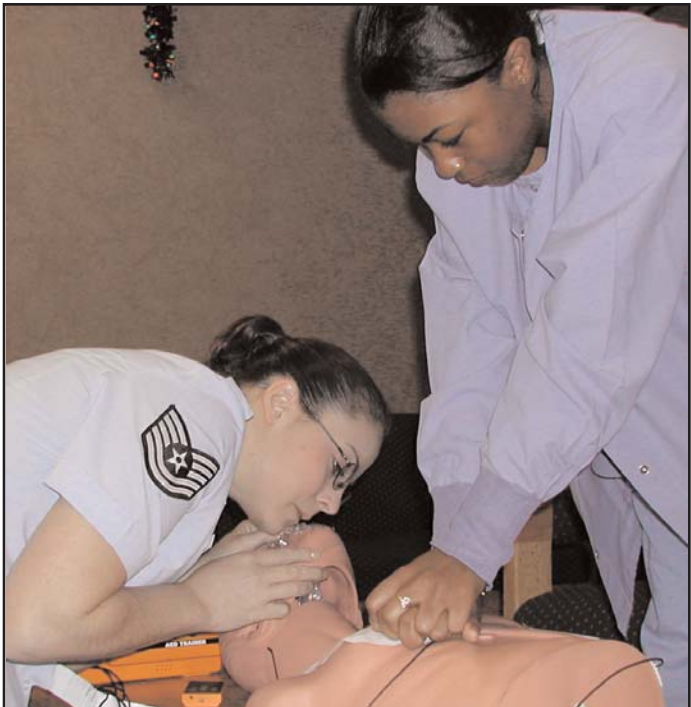
the runway in the most modern plane in our inventory, but if the airplane has no mechanic to replace a broken part, all the pilot is is a runway observer. If there’s no refueler to put in the JP-8 fuel, the pilot’s still just a runway observer. If he has nobody to load the munitions, he’s just a kamikaze pilot. The Air Force is a team effort and every job is important.”

Chief Dickens said the retired CMSAFs continue to remain involved in Air Force issues even in retirement and said it is important today’s Air Force members heed the lessons of yesterday’s Air Force leaders.

“These men have paved the way for us in today’s Air Force,” the 12th FTW command chief master sergeant said. “We have a responsibility to be stewards of the legacy they built and to keep it moving in a positive direction.”

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation

12th Medical Group coordinator says base needs more instructors



Tech. Sgt. Nicole Fischer, CPR coordinator, and Staff Sgt. Jeaneen Spears, a 12th MDG dental technician, practice two-person CPR rescue techniques. (Photo by Richard Zowie)

By Richard Zowie
Wingspread staff writer

The medical clinic is holding a CPR instructor course Monday and Tuesday at the Aerospace Physiology center in Building 747.

The course runs from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on both days.

“CPR instructors are very important,” said Tech. Sgt. Nicole Fischer, 12th Medical Group CPR coordinator. “We need them at every unit on base, especially with the self-aid buddy care training being mandatory. By holding this class and getting new CPR instructors certified, we’re hoping to equip units with all the CPR instructors they need to fulfill their training requirements.”

There are 30 openings available for the CPR instructor class, and Sergeant Fischer hopes to have them all filled. She estimated that there are currently 20 CPR instructors on base and added that she’d like to see at least 65.

Among the base duties of CPR instructors is teaching CPR to airmen at the First-Term Airmen Center.

The two-day class will cover why people need CPR, the basics of how to hold a CPR class, how to teach people who have different learning styles or learning disadvantages. The class also covers the science behind CPR, including heart and lung function.

Sergeant Fischer said class participants would also learn how to use automatic external defibrillator machines, which provide electric currents to try to make a heart start beating again.

“This course is much more detailed than a regular CPR course since you need to know the instructor information, the health care provider course, the heart saver course and the defibrillator,” she explained. “You need to be able to answer all the questions personnel have, and you’re responsible for all the people that are taking CPR.”

Sergeant Fischer has been teaching CPR since 1994 and has been an instructor trainer since 2000.

“I just get a real enjoyment out of the interaction and teaching them a potential life-saving skill,” she said. “I hope the CPR instructors we train get as much fulfillment as I have out of it. I think they’ll find that becoming a CPR instructor can have a base-wide and worldwide impact.”

The sergeant said a meeting for all base CPR instructors is Wednesday at Building 747. The meeting is mass instruction about using the defibrillator machines. They’ll also train to help certify personnel on using the defibrillators.

“Learning how to perform CPR can potentially help you saved a loved one’s life,” said the instructor. “We encourage Team Randolph members to get involved. If anyone requires more information about the course, CPR or want to sign up, they can call me at 652-1846.”

America at War

“The ease of transporting and developing biologicals that can kill hundreds of thousands of human beings is easy; it does not take a genius to do that. They’re easy to make, they’re easy to transport and they’re easy to deliver. And that’s the kind of a world we’re living in.”



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld
A briefing at the Foreign Press Center, Jan. 22, 2003

Randolph supports global mission

As of Monday, 47 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.

Comply with U.N.

WASHINGTON — The king of Bahrain stood in front of the Pentagon Tuesday and told reporters Saddam Hussein should disarm.

“We are committed to secure all means to defend our countries in order to preserve peace and stability before anything else,” King Hamad

bin Isa Al Khalifa said outside the American military headquarters after meeting briefly with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. “For the sake of peace, we urge Iraq to comply with the international inspectors so that the people of the region can avoid another war.”

Bahrain is a longtime U.S. ally in the Persian Gulf. The tiny island nation, roughly 20 miles east of Saudi Arabia, is home to the U.S. Navy’s 5th Fleet.

King Hamad met with President Bush Monday.

“His majesty is here and met with the president yesterday to indicate his support for the president and for the global war on terrorism,” Secretary Rumsfeld said in introducing the king to the Pentagon press corps. “Those of us here in the United States are deeply appreciative of all his support and the assistance that he has provided.”

World stage not a court of law

WASHINGTON — The world stage isn’t a court of law, and the United States isn’t trying to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that Saddam Hussein is a threat, but to convince reasonable people of this, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

“In our country, in courts of law it has been customary to seek evidence that could prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. That approach,

of course, is appropriate when the objective is to protect the rights of the accused,” Secretary Rumsfeld said during a Pentagon media briefing. “But in an age of weapons of mass destruction and weapons that can kill tens of thousands of innocent people, our goal has to be to take all reasonable steps to protect the lives of our citizens. That is a quite different task.”

He urged people to consider what the world knew before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Even in hindsight, no proverbial smoking gun existed that would have enabled U.S. leaders to prevent the attacks.

“You get the smoking gun after the planes have crashed,” Secretary Rumsfeld said. U.S. leaders have said repeatedly they hope never to have another smoking gun — because that means an attack has already occurred.

The secretary said the public’s and other countries’ “fixation” with finding a smoking gun “is a misunderstanding of what we’re doing, and what’s going on in the world, and what the nature of the threat is.”

Secretary Rumsfeld also responded to public statements by Saddam Hussein that Iraq has no weapons of mass destruction whatsoever and no ties to Osama bin Laden’s al Qaeda terrorist network. A reporter asked what he thought of such statements.

“And Abraham Lincoln was short,” Secretary Rumsfeld replied. (AFPS)

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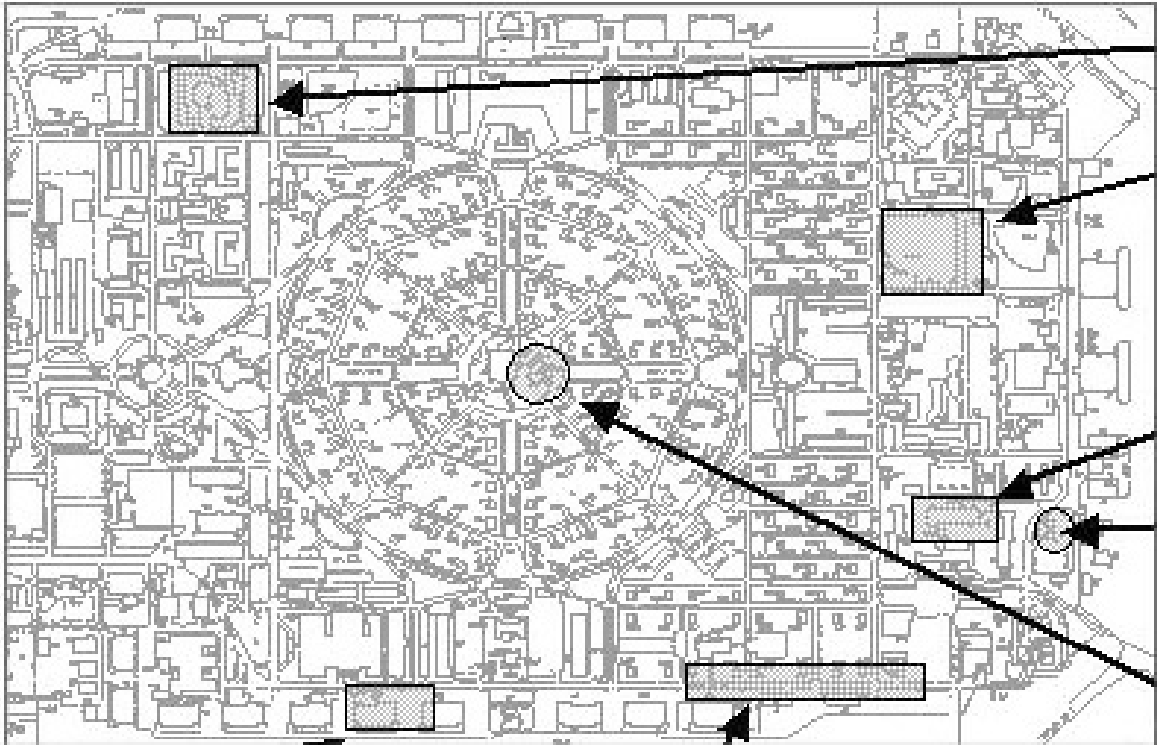
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Source: www.whitehouse.gov

CONSTRUCTION

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Navigator dormitory roof replacement project. Estimated completion date: April.

Grater Field lighting project to upgrade lighting to high school and semi-pro standards - complete.

Excavation project of the crawl space under the dining facility to sanitize area after plumbing leaks. Estimated completion date: Mid-March.

South water tower repainting project - tower will be wrapped in a shroud for duration of project. Estimated completion date: May.

Center Pool renovation project including upgrading the pipe network and installing a cooler and softer deck. Estimated completion date: April.

Hangars 70 & 71 parking lot paving is complete; striping is expected to be done Saturday - Sunday. In case of inclement weather, striping will occur Feb. 15-16.

Water line replacement continues along the south end of 5th Street West - estimated completion date: Late March.

Officer specialties receiving bonus

More than 6,000 officers in five critical skill career fields are now eligible to receive a retention bonus of up to \$40,000 — \$10,000 per year for up to four years — as a result of the Air Force’s Critical Skills Retention Bonus Program.

The people who may qualify are scientists, developmental engineers, acquisition program managers, civil engineers, and communications and information officers with four to 13 years of commissioned service who are willing to commit to serving up to four more years. Those eligible can start to receive their annual payments in March or April.

Officers who become eligible for the CSRB before Sept. 30 have until Aug. 31 to take advantage of the bonus.

This bonus is a result of the Science and Engineering Summit held Dec. 6, 2001. It is being offered to help improve retention in these five career fields, which have had the lowest retention rates in the Air Force for several years, said Lt. Col. Dean Vande Hey, deputy chief of mission support officer assignments at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

“This bonus should help make an Air Force career more financially competitive with civilian sector salaries,” he said. Most officers who qualify for the bonus will receive the standard four-year, active-duty service commitment that runs concurrently with any other service commitments. The exception is officers who have completed 11, 12 or 13 years of commissioned service, said Vande Hey. These officers would receive three-, two- and one-year, active-duty service commitments based on corresponding agreements at the same rate of \$10,000 a year.

For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center toll free at (866) 229-7074 or DSN 665-5000. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



Generals help with Columbia investigation

By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman
Air Force Materiel Command
Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Three Air Force generals are helping NASA officials review events leading to the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster Feb.1 as part of the investigation board.

NASA officials selected the panel including Maj. Gen. John Barry, Air Force Materiel Command’s plans and programs director here; Maj. Gen. Kenneth Hess, Air Force chief of safety at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.; and Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing commander at Peterson AFB, Colo. The panel provides an independent review of the events and activities that led to the deaths of the seven Columbia astronauts.

General Barry is currently at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., getting initial briefings and assignments.

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Maj. Gen. John Barry
Air Force Materiel Command’s plans and programs director

“I (worked) as a White House Fellow during the Challenger incident, and my intent is to use the lessons learned there to help find the causes for this,” said General Barry via telephone from Barksdale. “Our hearts go out to the families of all the astronauts.”

General Barry served as a White House Fellow, executive officer and liaison to the NASA administrator in Washington from September 1985 to December 1986.

NASA officials also selected Navy Rear Admiral Stephen

Turcotte, Naval Safety Center commander at Norfolk, Va.; Dr. James Hallock, U.S. Department of Transportation aviation safety division chief at Cambridge, Mass.; and Steven Wallace, Federal Aviation Administration accident investigation director.

Retired Navy Admiral Harold Gehman Jr. will chair the panel. Gehman co-chaired the independent commission that investigated the attack on the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen, Oct. 12, 2000, and once served as the commander-in-chief of U.S. Joint Forces Command.

“We need to be responsible, accountable and extremely thorough in this investigation,” said NASA Administrator Sean O’Keefe in a recent press release. “This panel is charged with a most difficult task, but I am confident in their ability, their integrity and their dedication to doing what’s right. Their findings will help push America’s space program successfully into the future.” (AFPN)

Sergeant gets six years confinement

By Airman 1st Class Andre Thacker
6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — An Air Force staff sergeant will spend six years in confinement, be demoted to airman basic and be dishonorably discharged for stealing four laptop computers and two personal data assistant devices from U.S. Central Command last year.

A military judge sentenced Staff Sgt. Sheridan Ferrell II on Jan. 30 to seven years on two charges of larceny and two charges of dereliction of duty. The sentence was reduced to six years because Ferrell had a pre-trial agreement with prosecutors in exchange for his guilty plea. The sentence is subject to approval from the convening authority, who is Maj. Gen. George Williams, 21st Air Force commander.

Sergeant Ferrell pleaded guilty Jan. 29 to stealing four laptops and two PDAs containing sensitive information from CENTCOM last summer. An additional charge of stealing a computer hard drive was dropped in exchange for his guilty plea.

When two computers were noticed missing Aug. 2, security here clamped down and more than 50 agents from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations swarmed over the base in the largest investigation in MacDill’s history.

A week after the laptops disappeared, the investigation led OSI agents to sergeant Ferrell’s residence, where they discovered the missing computers and two additional laptop computers taken from the secure compartmentalized information facility at CENTCOM. They also discovered the two PDAs. (AFPN)

Tax breaks offered for combat-zone service

By Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Military members serving in designated combat zones supporting the global war against terrorism can get a tax break from Uncle Sam.

Depending upon rank, eligible servicemembers can exclude from federal income tax either all or some of their active-duty pay — and certain other pays — earned in any month during service in a designated combat zone.

According to the Internal Revenue Service’s Armed Forces’ Tax Guide for 2002, “a combat zone is any area the president of the United States designates by Executive Order as an area in which the U.S. Armed Forces are engaging or have engaged in combat.”

Current combat zones are Afghanistan, specified parts of the Kosovo area and the Persian Gulf region. The tax

guide defines the qualifying areas.

Servicemembers in several other areas specified in law as “qualified hazardous-duty areas” are eligible for the same tax breaks. Bosnia-Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Croatia have been listed since November 1995.

Some people providing direct support for military operations within a designated combat zone or qualified hazardous-duty area may also be eligible for income tax exclusions.

New areas for 2002 include Djibouti, Africa, after July 1, 2002; and the Philippines after Jan. 9, 2002, providing people’s orders specify their duty is “in direct support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM - Philippines.”

Servicemembers who serve one or more days in a designated combat zone are entitled to federal tax exclusion benefits for that entire month, according to the IRS.

The downloadable Armed Forces’ Tax Guide for 2002 can be accessed on the Web at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3.pdf. It lists many, but not all, designated combat zones.

While people can use the tax guide in preparing their 2002 federal tax returns, those who have specific questions about designated combat zones should contact their unit personnel or pay officials or unit tax assistance officer.

The IRS guide notes servicemembers normally do not need to claim the combat zone exclusion or subtract eligible earning on their federal tax returns. The services normally have already excluded combat zone earnings from the taxable gross income reported on servicemembers’ Form W-2s, the guide says.

The IRS points out that military retirement pay and pensions are not eligible as combat zone income tax exclusions.

New pay program means no waiting on the phone

By Tech. Sgt. Cheri Dragos-Pritchard
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Tax season is here once again, and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service’s new automated system makes it faster and easier to get needed tax information, such as the W-2 form.

DFAS revamped the Employee/Member Self Service system, making it faster with enhanced services, security, accessibility and reliability. It is now called the myPay-automated system.

With the revamped system, customers can view and print tax statements, change federal and state tax withholdings, view, and print or save a leave and earning statement.

“One of the advantages of this new system is the fact that users can print or view their current leave and earning state-

ment as well as the two previous statements,” said Capt. Mike Connor, 12th Comptroller Squadron Financial Services Flight chief. “Users can also view or print their current and past four W-2s. It’s a five year plan that can help when trying to buy a house or in the event of an audit.”

The system is designed with clear confirmation messages, letting the users know where each paycheck is going.

“This revamped system is more user-friendly,” said Captain Connor. “The new design helps you find your information and complete a transaction in just a few clicks.”

According to DFAS officials, the system is secure, combining strong encryption and secure socket layer technology with the user’s social security number, personal identification number and a DOD-specific phone number to safeguard each individual’s information from any unauthorized access.

“If the member has an E/MSS PIN, they can use that same PIN to log onto the myPay system,” said the captain. If they don’t have a PIN or need a new one, they can click on the ‘need a new PIN’ link and their new PIN will arrive in the mail at the address DFAS has on record.”

There are several features available on the system that helps users make updates or changes conveniently.

“With the myPay system,” said Captain Connor, “users can accomplish numerous transactions. Some of these (transactions) are updating your bank account and electronic fund transfer information, making address changes or controlling your Thrift Savings Plan enrollment. It’s easier, more secure, faster and more reliable, too.”

For more information, log onto www.dfas.mil and click on the myPay link or call customer support at 1-800-390-2348, Monday through Friday between 6 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Fatal distractions ... driving deserves your full attention

Flags

Display them properly

By **Jennifer Valentin**
Wingspread staff writer

When displaying and caring for the American flag, the Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, Promotion Fitness Examination study guide, offers some guidelines.

According to the study guide, the Air Force authorizes five types of U.S. flags: base, aircraft and automobile, all-purpose, ceremonial, organizational.

When displaying the flag 24 hours a day, it should be properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The flag should not be displayed during bad weather, unless it is an all-weather or all-purpose flag.

The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution, in or near every polling place on election days and in or near every school during school days.

According to the study guide, when caring for the flag, extreme care must be exercised to ensure proper handling and cleaning of dirty flags. A torn flag can be mended, unless it is badly torn, then it should be destroyed.

In cases where the flag is retired or preserved because of its historical sig-



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nificance, the unit that displays the flag should request removal or disposal instructions from the proper authority.

For more information on flag display, see Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, Promotion Fitness Examination study guide, section 7B - Symbols.

FEGLI has new premiums

Some Air Force civilian employees and retirees will see a change in the cost of their Federal Employees Group Life Insurance premiums. They may find themselves placed into a new age group.

A recent review of the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance premiums by office of personnel management officials resulted in the changes that became effective Jan. 1.

Because of today’s generally lower mortality rates, OPM officials decided to reduce the premium for basic insurance and several of the Option B age bands and add new age bands for Options B and C, said offi-

cials at the Air Force Personnel Center here. There are no changes to Option A premiums or to the existing Option C age bands.

“The new rates were actually applied the first pay period in January, and any changes should reflect on the employee’s Jan. 31 leave and earnings statement,” said Janet Thomas of the center’s civilian benefits and entitlements service team.

More information and cost charts can be found at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pubaffairs/release/2003/01/FEGLI.htm. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Phone cards shipped to servicemembers

By **Gerry Gilmore**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Since late September, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has shipped 1 million free phone cards to servicemembers and to veterans.

Since the program’s inception six years ago, 2 million prepaid phone cards have been sent to active and reserve component military members serving overseas and to hospitalized veterans, noted Ron Browning, assistant adjutant general for development at VFW headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.

With deployments of U.S. troops on the upswing in recent weeks, Mr. Browning pointed out that 45 percent of the total cards provided by the program have been delivered or shipped in the past 100 days.

“We’re doing everything we can to physically meet the demand of the people being deployed,” he remarked, suggesting it’s especially important these days that service members know that people care about them.

Mr. Browning said the VFW

receives 400 to 500 thank-you cards a day from servicemembers who’ve used their prepaid phone cards.

Both corporate contributors, such as Wal-Mart and the National Football League, and individuals fund the phone card program, he said, noting the program relies on an extensive network of volunteers.

The program is heating up, Mr. Browning said, as the VFW is now receiving up to 50,000 requests a week for phone cards, compared to the 300 to 400 received in slower times.

In fact, he said, an NFL Web site promoting the program has generated orders for more than 40,000 phone cards.

Historically, people such as parents, spouses, other relatives and military commanders have requested the cards for service members and veterans, he said.

To request a phone card on behalf of a service member, visit www.operationuplink.org. To make a donation toward the purchase of cards for distribution, visit www.operationuplink.org/donate.cfm.

Heart Link provides information, help for spouses

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Heart Link, a newcomer program for spouses, is scheduled for Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the family support center. All spouses who have arrived to the base within the last six months are encouraged to attend, said Charlotte Noll, Randolph Family Support Center career focus program manager. Spouses who have never attended are also invited,

regardless of their arrival date. “We recognize moving to a new base is stressful,” said Ms. Noll. “Attending Heart Link is a great way to get needed information and meet the staff that can help you through the transition.” The program is designed to provide valuable informa-



tion about the military and Randolph through fun-filled interactive games, table-top shopping and short briefings from various family-oriented agencies on base, said Ms. Noll. “This event is especially relevant to those who are new to the military, but can be useful for those who already are familiar with the

military,” said Ms. Noll. “Heart Link is a great way for spouses to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.” The program is a way to ensure military spouses have the information they need to feel at home and settle on or off base. A continental breakfast and light lunch will be offered, as well as door prizes. Free childcare is also available through the family day care program. For more information on Heart Link or to register, call 652-5321.

Implants restore world of sounds

Electro-magnetic amplification device restores hearing for 17 people

By 1st Lt. Jennifer Tay
Wilford Hall Medical Center

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Over the past year, surgeons and audiologists at Wilford Hall Medical Center here have restored hearing to 17 people with the help of cochlear implants. These have included an active-duty master sergeant, military children and military retirees.

This revitalized program recently delighted a retiree who wrote that he could not sleep at all the first night after his hearing was “activated.” Another 20-year-old patient heard his mother’s voice for the first time, since he was born with a hearing disorder. About 24 more patients are scheduled for the life-changing operation over the next eight months.

A cochlear implant is an electro-magnetic amplification device that is surgically implanted within the inner ear and is appropriate for people with profound deafness who no longer benefit from hearing aids. This device is often the only way for these individuals to regain hearing.

The surgery consists of inserting an electrode array into the cochlea (the organ of hearing located in the inner ear) to make direct contact with nerve cells. Patients return one week after the operation for initial stimulation of the device. When the device is turned on, sound is picked up by a tiny microphone connected by a cord to a sound processor outside the ear. The processor turns sound into an electrical signal, transmitting it through the skin to the

electrode in the cochlea.

The only one of its kind in the Air Force, the Wilford Hall cochlear implant program provides cochlear implant surgery, audiology and speech services, and medical support for potential candidates and their families.

In December 2001, an active-duty master sergeant with sudden hearing loss was evaluated for a cochlear implant. Master Sgt.

John T. Hawk received a cochlear implant and was able to return to his unit and continue performing his assigned duties.

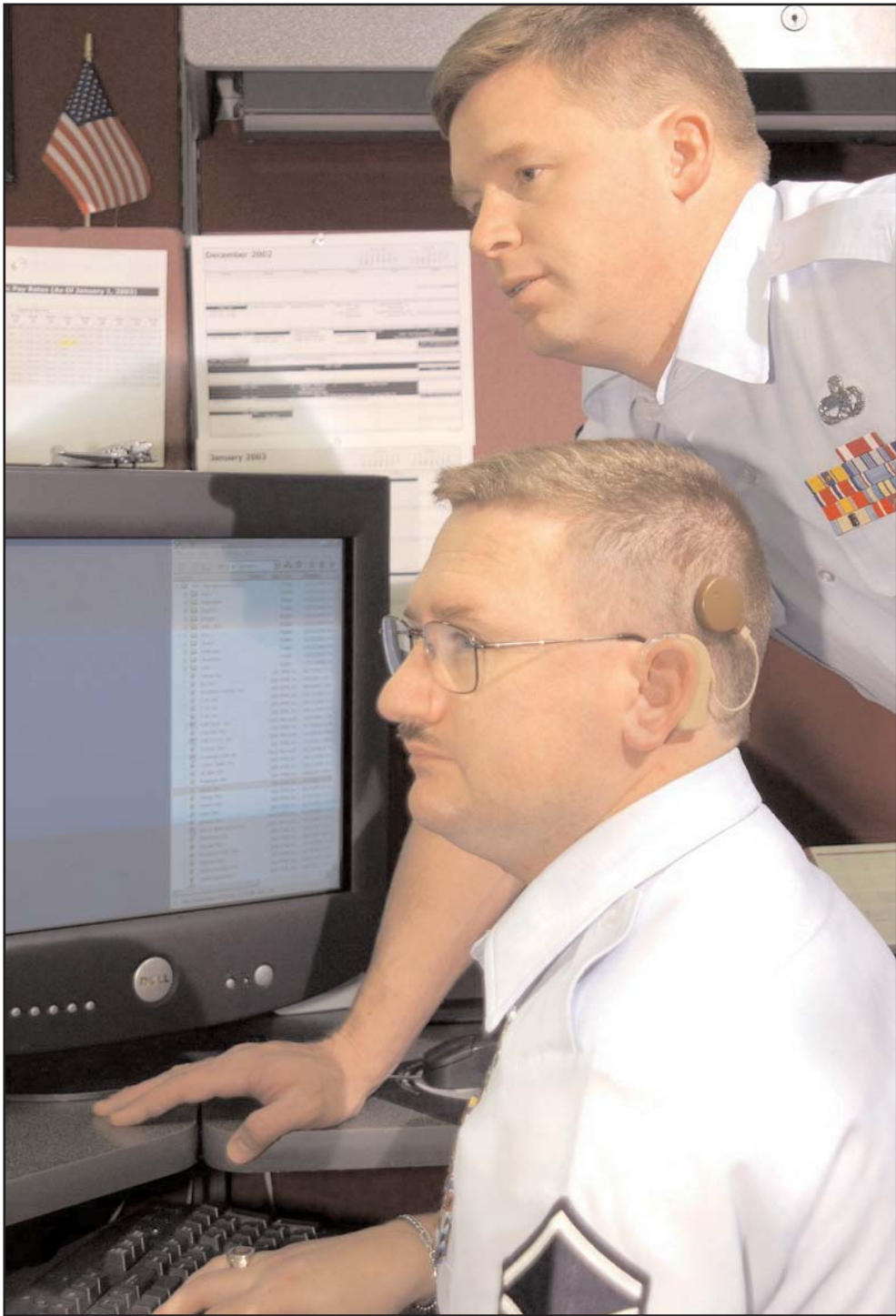
“My new hearing is not perfect,” said Hawk, assigned to the Air National Guard Training and Education Center at McGhee Tyson ANG Base, Tenn. “There are still challenges, but I have not completed my journey on the road to recovery yet. Every day I’m reminded of what I’ve lost because I wake up in a silent world. When I turn on my sound processor, I’m reminded of what I’ve gained.”

In the past when an active-duty airman was diagnosed with profound hearing loss, he or she would be medically retired. Hawk, who is a multimedia course developer and instructor, continues to perform his normal duties while he awaits the result of a medical evaluation board.

Based on his excellent performance with the cochlear implant and his ability to communicate, medical officials believe the program may have saved the Air Force one of its top assets — an airman with more than 18 years of experience, training and expertise.

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Master Sgt. John Hawk
Air National Guard Training
and Education Center at
McGhee Tyson ANG Base,
Tenn.



Master Sgts. John T. Hawk (foreground) and Chris Morin work on a project at the Air National Guard Training and Education Center at McGhee Tyson ANG Base, Tenn. Sergeant Hawk received a cochlear implant and continues to serve on active duty. (Photo by Master Sgt. Thomas Meneguín)

Here me roar

First black woman pilot earned wings 21 years ago

By Jenny Crider
Air Education and Training
Command History Office

Twenty-one years ago, 2nd Lt. Theresa Claiborne graduated from pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas.

That she was a woman graduating from pilot training was nothing new for the Air Force. Women had been participating in pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., since 1977. What did make Lieutenant Claiborne's graduation from undergraduate pilot training significant was the fact she was the first black woman to graduate.

She and her fellow pilots in Class 82-02 graduated Sept. 16, 1982.

Lieutenant Claiborne, daughter of retired Tech. Sgt. Morris Claiborne, graduated from California State University before entering pilot training. After completing pilot training, she got her wish to train on "heavies" when she went to Castle AFB, Calif., to train to fly KC-135 Stratotankers. At the time, women were barred from flying combat aircraft, a restriction removed in 1991.

She went on to fly tankers for the



Second Lt. Theresa Claiborne sits in the cockpit of a T-38 prior to a training flight at Laughlin Air Force Base in 1982. (Courtesy photos)

Air Force as a member of the Air Force Reserve. And in the civilian world, went on to become a first officer for United Airlines flying Boeing 747-400s.

In a March 1997 Ebony magazine interview, she said she never felt any limitations because of her race or gender in pursuing her desire to fly.

"I never quit at anything," she said in the interview. "I just always felt that I could do whatever I wanted to do. In high school, we didn't have girls' sports teams, so I played on the boys' soccer team. That's my personality, if a boy can do it, I can do it, too."



Second Lt. Theresa Claiborne conducts a preflight check on a T-38 prior to a training flight at Laughlin Air Force Base in 1982.

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Black Cultural Awareness Association monthly events

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| Tuesday - Children's story hour, 10-11 a.m. at the library | youth center from 7-11 p.m. for ages 9-13 | p.m. in the chapel annex |
| Wednesday - Luncheon at 11 a.m. in the enlisted club | Feb. 18 - Poetry reading at 7 p.m. in the enlisted club | Feb. 21 - Golf tournament at 12:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 14 - Children's dance at the | Feb. 20 - Health fair from 1:30-3:30 | For more information, call Staff Sgt. Chrystel Harris at 565-2081. |

Base offers monthly activities

Operation Get Fit

The fitness center will provide body composition evaluations this month. Determine a personal fitness level by getting a complete profile and microfit evaluation Monday through Friday from 1-6 p.m. throughout February. Call the main fitness center at 652-4311 for an appointment.

Aerobathon

Join an aerobic workout designed to target the cardiovascular system. A continuous three-hour step aerobics event is Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information, call the fitness center at 652-4311.

Children’s Story Hour

Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 a.m., the library holds a story hour for preschoolers. Children complete craft projects and receive a snack. For more information, call 652-2617.

Valentine open skeet shoot

The Valentine Open Registered Skeet Shoot is scheduled for Feb. 14-16. Rotations will begin with Friday doubles starting at 1 p.m., Saturday at 9 a.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The fee is \$25 per 100 targets plus daily fees. If interested in participating, call the Randolph Skeet Range at 652-2064 or equipment rental at 652-3702.

Basketball Tournament

A double elimination tournament in support of African American Heritage Month is Feb. 14-17. The tournament is open to military and civilian teams. For more details, call 652-5316.

Sweetheart doubles bowling tournament

The bowling center is holding a tournament Feb. 16. Sign up for the sweetheart mixed doubles tournament scheduled to start at 1 p.m. The no-tap tournament cost \$25 per couple. Prizes will be based on the number of entries. For more information, call 652-6271.

All-nighter at the enlisted club

An all-nighter will be held at the enlisted club from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Feb. 16. Call 652-3056 for more information.



Holiday bingo

A \$15,000 holiday bingo is scheduled for Feb. 17 at the enlisted club. Early bird will start at 6 p.m. For more information, call 652-3056.

Presidents’ Day bowling

The bowling center celebrates Presidents’ Day from 1-9 p.m. Bowl for \$1.50 per game, per person. For more information, call 652-6271.

Presidents’ Day Golf Tournament

A golf tournament in honor of Presidents’ Day is Feb. 17. Tee times are 7-9 a.m. The cost for the tournament is \$10 per person. Call the golf course at 652-4570 for more information.

Boating safety course

A boating safety course is offered by outdoor recreation on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in Building 897. This course is required before rental of a pontoon, bass or ski boats at Randolph’s Canyon Lake Off Base Recreation Area. Call equipment rental at 652-3702 to register for the course.

Laredo Shopping Tour

A bus for the Laredo shopping tour departs from Information, Tickets and Travel, Building 897, Feb. 22 at 7:45 a.m., and will return to Randolph by 7 p.m. The trip cost \$25. Additional tour dates are March 29 and April 19. Call 652-2301 to sign up.

Youth baseball, softball registration

Registration for the 2003 baseball and softball season will be held at the youth center starting March 1. Proof of age is required, including birth certificate, military identification or TRICARE card, at registration, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. Registration for softball will end March 21. Registration for baseball will end March 29. Fees are \$43 per player, with a maximum of \$86 per family. The annual \$15 activity fee must be current for each player. Parents are responsible for providing gray baseball style pants. The youth center will provide cap and replica team uniform shirt. The age cutoff for softball is as of Jan. 1. PONY age cut-off for baseball is as of July 31. New this year, fast-pitch softball will be offered for the Mustang division. Additional information is available on the Web site www.eteamz.com/randolphyouth. For more information, call Barney Clay at 652-2088.

Be a youth coach

Randolph youth sports has coaches’ applications available for adults interested in coaching during the 2003 baseball and softball season. Free coaches training and background checks are provided for all volunteers. For more information, call Barney Clay at 652-2088.

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- Sea World of Texas - Two-year season passes, \$76.50
- Entertainment books- \$20
- Armed Forces Vacation Club - seven nights in a resort anywhere in the world for \$249
- Kinder gambling trip - March 18 and 19, \$25 per person

Upcoming events

- Mamma Mia - March 4-16, Majestic Theater
- Smucker’s Stars On Ice - March 31, SBC Center

Airmen’s Dining Facility

Building 860 — 652-5533
Recorded Menu 652-MEAL (6325)

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Carry out

Weekday meals:
5:45 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Breakfast
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Weekends and Holidays:
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brunch
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Dinner
No carry out

Be a survivor, have a designated driver



Capt. (Dr.) Brian Zagol, one of 47 residents currently in training at Wilford Hall Medical Center, examines Brenda Bodine in the internal medicine clinic. (Photo by Sue Campbell)

Wilford Hall residents place third in nation

By Sue Campbell

59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The internal medicine residents at Wilford Hall Medical Center know their stuff.

The National Board of Medical Examiners recently notified the Air Force's medical flagship their residents placed third out of 398 programs nationwide on their Medical Resident in Training examinations.

That result places them in the top one percent in the nation.

Wilford Hall's internal medicine residency program is one of four in the Air Force. Other programs are conducted at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Keesler AFB, Miss.; and Travis AFB, Calif. Wilford Hall's is the largest, with 47 residents enrolled this year, about twice as many as the other programs.

"Each year, our faculty administers the MRIT examinations, which are practice tests for medical boards and self-assessment tools for residents to see what their strengths and areas of improvement are," said Col. (Dr.) Rick Downs, internal medical program director at Wilford Hall. "It's quite a credit to our teaching staff that we scored in the top one percent when you realize we're compared to medical programs such as Harvard."

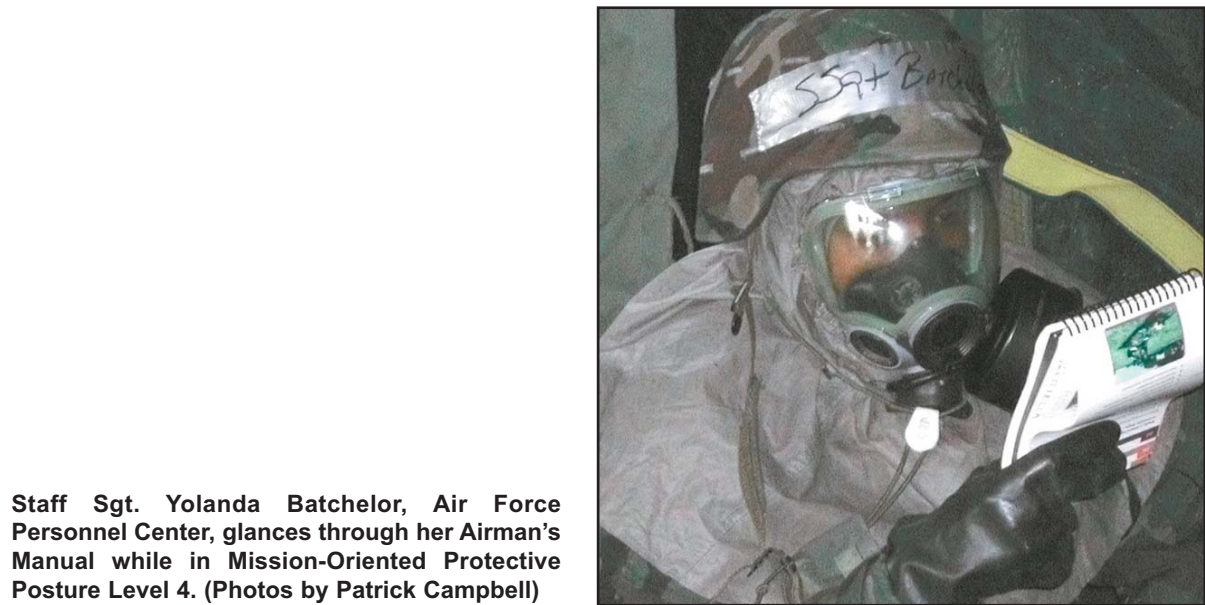
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Col. (Dr.) Rick Downs
Internal medical program director

There are about 60 faculty members on Wilford Hall's internal medicine residency team, and each resident spends three years in the program.

"The examination is a predictor of the residents' future success on their internal medicine boards," Colonel Downs said. "The results confirm our residents have extensive book knowledge of internal medicine when compared to the other 398 programs."

Wilford Hall provides training to residents and fellows in 45 specialties. The center's emergency medicine, ophthalmology and orthopedic residency programs also scored very well during recent examinations, all in the top five percent nationwide.



Staff Sgt. Yolanda Batchelor, Air Force Personnel Center, glances through her Airman's Manual while in Mission-Oriented Protective Posture Level 4. (Photos by Patrick Campbell)



(Above) Lt. Col. James Anderson, 12th Contracting Squadron (left), and Tech. Sgt. James Long, 12th Communications Squadron, simulate a post-attack unexploded ordnance search. (Right) William Session (left), Staff Sgt. James Beasley and Jim Robare, Randolph Fire Department, provide emergency response care to a simulated injured pilot.



PREPAREDNESS

Team Randolph members train for a major disaster

By Tech. Sgt. Angelique Battle
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 12th Flying Training Wing held a weeklong exercise here Jan. 27-31.

The scenarios included weapons of mass destruction, major accident response and deployment exercises.

The deployment exercise included more than 250 wing and tenant unit members.

"Our readiness is key to success in our daily fly, fix and support mission, as well as in our response to contingencies," said Col. Mark Graper, 12th FTW commander. "We will continue monthly exercises in February and March to hone our skills."



(Above) Tech. Sgt. Robert Baker, an Exercise Evaluation Team member, instructs personnel on their next task during the contingency exercise held Jan. 30-31.

Randolph Community Bulletin Board



Miscellaneous Community Notes

Blood drive

Randolph Youth Programs is hosting a blood drive Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. in the gym.

For more information, call 652-2088.

AFCEA scholarships

The Alamo Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association announces the 2002-2003 scholarship for area students. The Enlisted Education Grant is geared toward the military.

Additional information and applications are available at www.alamoafcea.org. The deadline for the Enlisted Education Grants is Feb. 15 and the deadline for the Academic Scholarships for College Students is March 1.

For more information, call 977-6999.

Saturday vet clinic

A Saturday vet clinic will be held Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the base vet clinic, by appointment only.

For more information, call 652-3190.

Second Sunday breakfast

The Second Sunday all-you-can-eat breakfast is Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon at the American Legion Post 667, 504 Bowie, Universal City. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

Call 658-3731 for more information.

Ride along with 12th SFS

The 12th Security Forces Squadron offers a ride along program for base residents and employees. This provides people with the opportunity to get a firsthand look at what a career in security forces is like.

Participants must be at least eighteen years old, or 12-17 years old with written parental consent. Those interested must fill complete an Air Education and Training Command Form 1021 seven days before the ride date.

Participants can ride Saturdays or Sundays; supervisors, first sergeants and commanders are encouraged to ride along any day of the week.

For more information on the program, call Staff Sgt. Sean Clayton at 652-5600.

Two teachers to be honored

Randolph Field Independent School District teachers Karen Olson and Deb Pannabecker were chosen as "Teachers of the Game" by the San Antonio Spurs and the Rampage Hockey Team.

Ms. Olson will be recognized by the Spurs at the March 31 game, while Ms. Pannabecker will be recognized by the Rampage at the March 7 game.

HQ AETC luncheon

The Headquarters Air Education and Training Command annual awards luncheon is Monday at 11:30 a.m. The uniform is service dress or business suit.

For tickets or for more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Tom Robinson at 652-4070.

MMA meeting

The Middle Manager's Association of Randolph is having its monthly meeting Feb. 20 at 3:30 p.m. at the enlisted club.

The association's mission is to gather staff sergeants and technical sergeants to provide a flow of information among junior enlisted, senior enlisted and senior leadership of Team Randolph.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Ruben Perez at 652-3694.

Valentines for Vets program

The Veterans Affairs 2003 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans' Valentines for Vets program runs through Feb. 14.

For more information about sending cards or scheduling visits to the Audie Murphy VA Hospital, call Donna Charles at 617-5107. To contact the Kerrville VA Hospital, call Nick Villanueva at 1-830-792-2580.



Building 693

Family Support Center

Telephone: 652-5321

Driving safety course

A driving safety course is held Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Call the South Texas Safety Council at 824-8180 to sign up.

Waiting Families Support Group

Learn about the family support center programs, including hearts apart, video teleconferencing and car care, at the Randolph Waiting Families Support Group Monday from 5:30-7 p.m.

For more information, call 652-5321.

Financial Management Seminar

A financial management seminar, including tips on financial goals, budgeting and avoiding scams, is offered Tuesday from 1-3:30 p.m.

For more information, call 652-5321.

Financial planning for deployment

Find out what is needed to be financially prepared for deployment at a meeting Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch can be brought.

For more information, call 652-5321.



Building 208

Education Services

Telephone: 652-5964

Course 12 testing

The Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributive Learning has advised the education services flight that the problem with Course 12 testing has been resolved. The process of setting up additional computers to accommodate the testing has begun, and scheduling of tests has started.

Park University

Park University at Randolph is hiring additional people to teach freshman through senior level courses. A masters degree is required. Openings in the areas of Economics, English, Mathematics, Computer Science and Accounting are available.

For more information, call Kathleen Vann at 566-9595 or email rand@mail.park.edu.

ACCD

St. Philip's College is offering on-base evening classes during the Spring second eight-week term, held March 10 - May 11. Courses include Intro to Computers, Philosophy, Psychology, American literature, English II, Elementary Algebra, History II and Federal Government and many other courses.

Registration is held at Randolph March 5. Currently enrolled students may register by telephone or on the web.

Call 659-1096 for more information, or visit the education center, Building 208, room 10.

ERAU

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is currently accepting applications for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics, the Bachelor of Science in the Management of Technical Operations and the Master of Aeronautical Science degrees. The next term runs March 24 through May 25.

The schedule is available at <http://www.erau.edu/sanantonio>.

CCAF spring graduation cut-off date

All transcripts, test results and the nomination of the education office must be at the Community College of the Air Force by Feb. 21 if students are to make the May 6 graduation.

If all requirements have been completed, and no notification of graduation has been made, e-mail charlene.sparks@randolph.af.mil, or call 652-5964.



Building 102

Chapel Services

Telephone: 652-6121

Protestant

Today - Sweetheart Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Enlisted Club

Sunday - Worship 1 at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Liturgical at 10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Worship II at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Gospel at 1 p.m. in Chapel 1.

Wednesday - Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Women's Bible Study at 6 p.m. in the chapel center; Gospel Choir at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Thursday - Children's Choir at 5:15 p.m. in Chapel One; Chancel Choir at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1; Easter Musical Rehearsal at 7:45 p.m. in Chapel 1

Catholic

Today -Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Saturday - Adoration Community Theology Service at 9 a.m. in the chapel center; Confession at 4:30 p.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 5:30 p.m. in Chapel 1

Sunday - Catholic Religious Education at 9:45 a.m. in the chapel center; Mass at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2; Children's Choir Practice at 12:30 p.m. in Chapel 2

Monday -Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Tuesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Contemporary Teen and Adult Choir at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 2; Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7 p.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Thursday - Rosary at 11:10 a.m. in Chapel 1; Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1; Cantor and Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 2

Ecumenical

Monday - Wedding briefing at 3 p.m. in the chapel center

Wednesday - Film luncheon at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Christian Youth of the Chapel Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. at 9 Military Plaza at Chaplain Everett Schrum's house.



Building 100

Movies

Telephone: 652-3278

Admission at the base theater is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children unless otherwise noted.

Today

"Drumline" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Orlando Jones. A movie about marching bands at a university.

Saturday

"Wild Thornberrys" (PG), 2 p.m. Starring the voice of Lynn Redgrave. A Nickelodeon movie about a family that takes wild adventures throughout the world.

"Lord of the Rings, Two Towers" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Elijah Wood. The second chapter, where the hobbits attempt to destroy the evil ring.

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Feb. 14

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Feb. 15

"Pinocchio" (G), 2 p.m. Starring Roberto Benigni. The story of a wooden puppet who comes to life.

"Catch Me If You Can" (PG-13), 7 p.m. Starring Tom Hanks. Frank becomes a doctor, lawyer and co-pilot before his eighteenth birthday, becoming a master of deception.

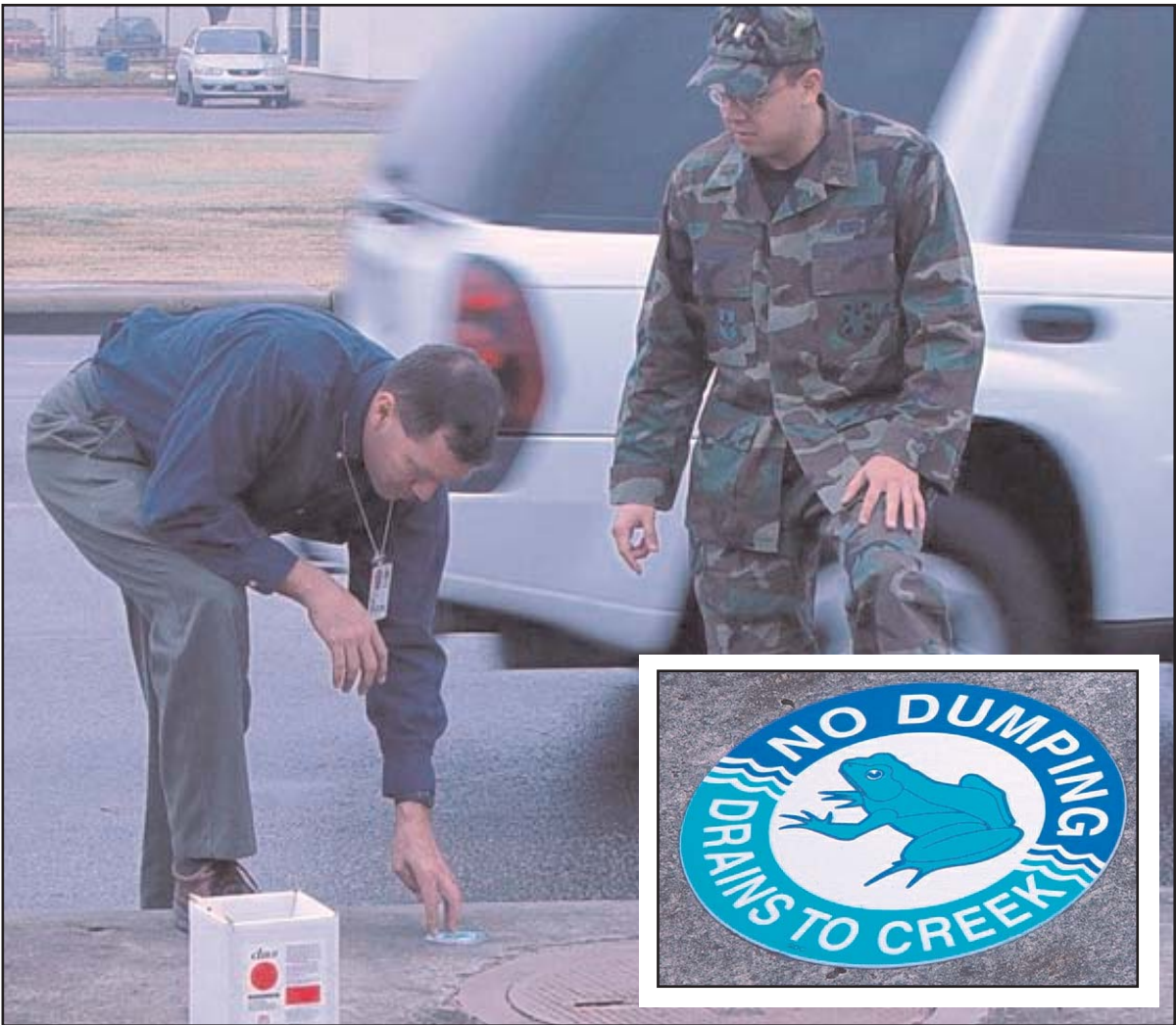
Check us out online

The electronic version of the Wingspread has a link on the Randolph Web Page at

www.randolph.af.mil/12ftw/wing/pa/wingspread.htm

No dumping

Ray Rivas and 2nd Lt. Carlos Chirivi, 12th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight, apply a decal to a storm drain here to warn Randolph personnel of the harmful effects of dumping anything other than water into the storm drains. The decals will continue to be applied throughout the base and housing areas. For more information, call 652-4668. (Photo by Tino Mata) (Inset) The decal displayed on a storm drain.



Ro-Hawks de-claw the Panthers

By Richard Zowie
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Ro-Hawk Boys’ basketball team continued its stretch toward the playoffs by beating the Navarro Panthers 56-40 at home Tuesday.

Despite the win, which left the Ro-Hawks at 10-2 in District 29-2A and 26-4 overall, Randolph wasn’t able to gain ground on first-place Cole. The Cougars edged the Poth Pirates 49-39 that night to improve their record to 11-1 in district and 25-3 overall. The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs crushed the Gervin Academy 87-32 to maintain a second-place tie in district with the Ro-Hawks and a 21-3 overall record.

The Ro-Hawks will play Poth on the road tonight and will face the School of Excellence in their final home game Tuesday. Despite defeating the Pirates twice this season already, Coach Tim Gendron, Ro-Hawk head basketball coach, said he expects a battle since they have a few players returning from injuries.

Even with School of Excellence currently at 0-12 in district and 5-16 overall, Coach Gendron said it’s a game the Ro-Hawks need to win both to have hope of tying for first

place in district and for going into the playoffs on a good note.

“You don’t want to have a bad game going into the playoffs,” he said. “We usually play well our last game and I think we’ll get up for it. If Nixon beats Cole this Friday and everybody else wins out, it’ll be a 3-way tie with each team beating each team once.”

After Navarro scored the first basket, Randolph took a 3-2 lead on two quick turnovers, one of which led to a Derek Layne lay-in. Randolph led 19-10 after the first quarter and never trailed. They outscored Navarro in every quarter and held the Panthers to single-digit scoring in the second and third quarters.

Coming into the game, the Ro-Hawks were ranked second in district and seventh among Greater San Antonio teams in scoring defense with 44.5 points per game allowed.

“Navarro’s not a real great offensive team: they don’t have great ball handling or shooting, but they have great hustle and intensity,” said Coach Gendron. “We’re always one of the area leaders in defense year in and year out, and we usually hold opponents down really well.”

Despite the 34-19 halftime lead and a 16-point margin of

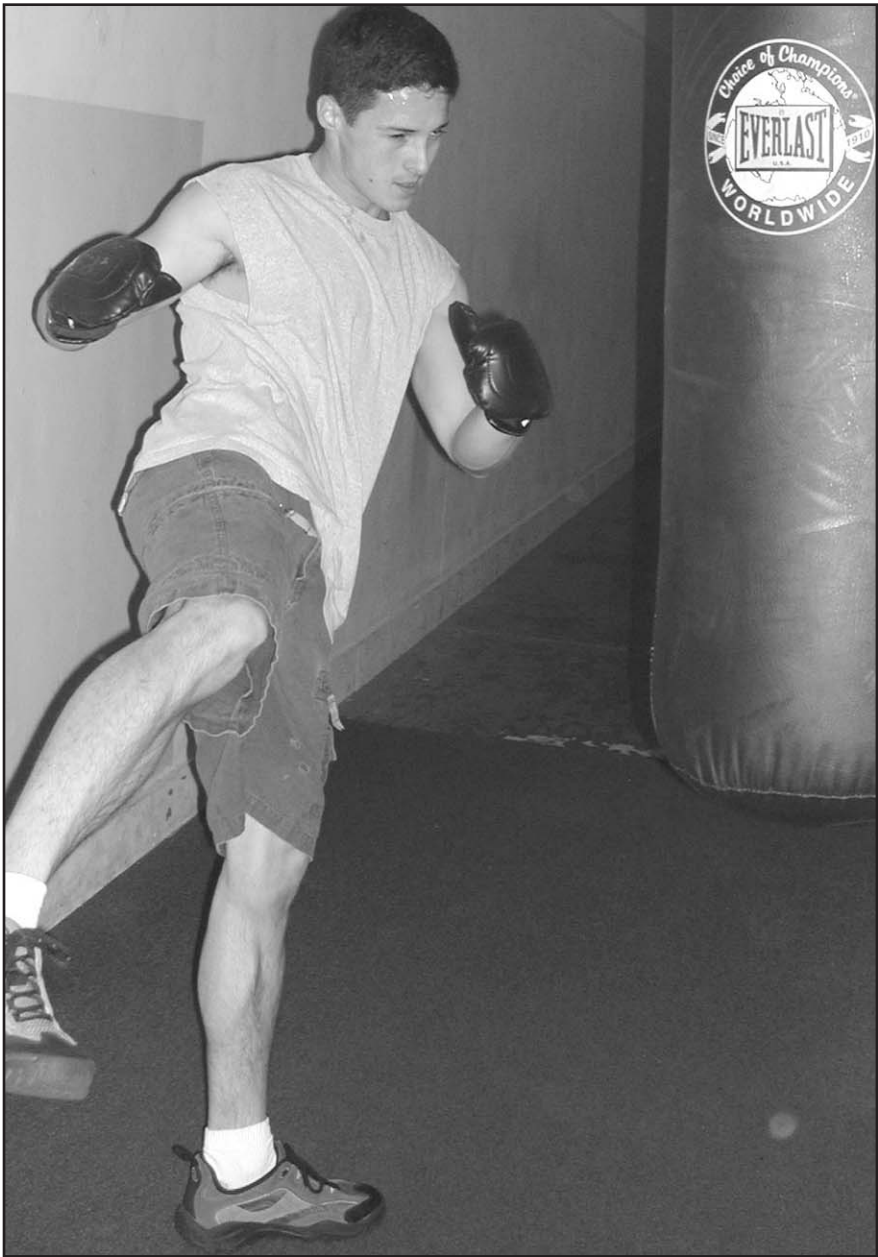
victory that had been a 25-point lead midway through the fourth quarter, the Ro-Hawks struggled on offense. They shot no three-pointers and were 12 of 22 from the free-throw line. Derek led the way with 14 points sinking all four of his free throws.

“The last time we played Navarro, we really played one of our best games of the year and shot the lights out,” said Coach Gendron. “Right now we’re not shooting the ball real well from the perimeter. We got a lot of good shots inside, but Navarro had a big guy in the post who just made it tough for us.

“I was proud of the way we played. We hadn’t been playing really well at home lately but the guys came out and played really well in the first half.”

Besides playing a strong defense and capitalizing on the Panthers’ frequent turnovers, the Ro-Hawks helped themselves out by committing only eight team fouls the entire game. Except for Derek, no Ro-Hawks accumulated more than one foul. The Panthers had 18 team fouls in the game.

Flint Cook and Brandon Ervin scored nine points each while Brian Kotowski, Dante Collins and Scot Woodland added four apiece. Willie Monroe scored three and John Grieder had two.



What fitness means to me

Senior Airman Lenn Bassett
12th Operations Support Squadron,
Air Traffic Controller

“It’s really important to me because I participate in a lot of extreme sports such as sport bike riding and stand-up jet skiing. Being in shape makes these activities a lot easier and more fun when doing tricks. The gym is a great benefit, although I’d like to see more military members take advantage of it.”

The thrill of VICTORY

STANDINGS SCORES

Bowling

As of Jan. 27

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

Team	W	L
12th SVS #1	110	26
12th SVS #2	92	44
562nd FTS	87	49
AFPC #1	87	49
AETC/CSS	82	54
12th SFS	82	54
AFPC #2	81	55
AETC/LG	78	58
12th MSS	76	60
12th AMO #2	74	62

TEAM SCRATCH SERIES

Team	Score
12th SVS #1	3045
AETC/LG	2765
562nd FTS	2676

TEAM SCRATCH GAME

Team	Score
12th SVS #2	1028
AFPC #2	956
AFSAT	949

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES

Men		Score
Chris Anderson		718
Ken Kendrick		679
Steve Barinque		674
Women		Score
Shannon Carter		569
Sally Allen		530
Cheryl Koehler		468

HIGH SCRATCH GAME

Men		Score
Andy Anderson Jr.		258
Bob Pope		257
BFI Morgan		248
Women		Score
Brenda Clink		223
Kristen Wade		170
Pat Knight		170

Intramural Basketball Team Standings Final

MON-WED		
Team	W	L
12th SFS	12	1
12th MDG	11	3
AFOMS	10	4
12th CES #2	7	5
AFPC	5	8
12th CES #1	3	10
562nd F FLT	3	9
332nd FTS	1	12

TUE-THU		
Team	W	L
12th CS	12	0
12th TRANS	9	3
HQ AETC	7	5
12th OSS	7	5
12th MSS	5	7
562nd E FLT	2	10
558/559th FTS	0	12

Intramural Golf Team Standings

As of Jan. 23

Team	Points
AFPC	24.5
AFMIA	19.5
SC/CSS	18.0
AETC/LG	15.5
12th TRANS	14.5
563rd FTS	14.5
12th CS	8.5
340th FTG	5.0

Extramural Basketball Team Standings Final

Team	W	L
AFRS	5	1
AETC CSS	5	2
AFPC #2	4	2
AFPC #1	4	2
12th MSS	3	3
12th CES	2	5
12th CPTS/AFSVA	2	5
HQ AETC	1	5